

# JM Students' Ceramic Art on View at the Moraga Library

Submitted by Moose Wesler



JM visual arts student Nick Wolford smiles with his ceramic hamburger.

Photo Moose Wesler

The ceramic pieces in the Moraga Public Library lobby display case were made by seventh- and eighth-grade students in the Visual Arts Class at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School, instructed by Moose Wesler. Some of the pieces depict the students' favorite foods; others are

functional pottery created using a variety of techniques: coil-building, pinching clay, rolling out slabs, and throwing on the potter's wheel. The ceramics were decorated with glazes, slips and acrylic paints. The white coil pots were inspired by Japanese Jomon ceramics; the food by the students' own stomachs. The visual arts program at JM is grateful for the support of the MEF and JM PTA, which last year contributed to the purchase of a new kiln. The pieces will be available for viewing through May 29.

# Local Eclipse Photo Featured on CNN's Website



Joaquin Moraga eighth-grader Aaron Lin's photo above, which captured the projection of the crescent sun all over his backyard wall during the solar eclipse Sunday, May 20, was chosen as one of 14 photos from around the world to be featured on CNN's website (www.cnn.com/2012/05/20/world/gallery/solar-eclipse/). Photo Aaron Lin

# THE APP RAP

By Eric Pawlakos

**Lookout Security and Antivirus**  
**Developer: Lookout Mobile Security**  
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**Cost: FREE** (or premium version for \$29.99 per year)

For the smart phone user, new apps are available almost daily. New apps mean more ways to utilize and enjoy your phone. Phones have become our multi-use, indispensable accessory for making and receiving calls as well as storing imperative personal information relating to banking, emergencies, credit cards, health care and children, plus detailed calendar and personal data.

What if you lost your phone and someone with malevolent intent found it?

Recognizing this possibility, the creators of *Lookout Security and Antivirus* developed a defensive app with the theme "Mobile Security Made Simple."

The *Lookout Security and Antivirus* is a free app that protects your data while providing anti-virus, anti-malware, and anti-spyware protection. You also receive contact backup, data restoration, and the impressive missing device feature to locate your phone.

The premium version offers more features at a price of \$2.99 a month or \$29.99 for the year with a subscription that can be cancelled at anytime. This version blocks phishing and malicious websites, protects your privacy with privacy advisor, backs up photos and call history, and gives you the ability to remote wipe and lock the phone.

For a smartphone user who mainly has contacts and apps on their phone I would recommend the free version. However, if your smartphone has highly critical informa-

tion for personal or business use then the premium version is worth the upgrade price.

Getting *Lookout Security and Antivirus* installed is a very easy process. After the download you need about 60 seconds to set up your security, backup, and missing device locator. The security feature will automatically scan each app you install, and do a weekly full scan of any app on your phone. Your data will be backed up daily or weekly. Retrieval is easy 24/7 at www.mylookout.com. This is a great perk in the event that your phone is damaged and you need to replace it.

The missing device feature is the most valuable, enabling you to locate your phone on a map. *Lookout* will send a loud siren to your device, even if your phone is turned off. A misplaced phone can now be easily located.

*Lookout* has located fifteen million dollars worth of phones in the San Francisco Bay Area. If you are headed out of Lamorinda, beware! Oakland is ranked as one of the top ten places in the United States to lose or have your phone stolen.

Currently, there are over ten million downloads for *Lookout Security and Antivirus*. I strongly recommend adding this app to your phone.

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# New Campo Principal John Walker: It's all about Collaboration

By Sophie Braccini



John Walker Photo Sophie Braccini

Nickerson. "There was consensus that John Walker's experience and strong sense of what Campolindo needs would make him the best fit." Walker's reputation for building connections with parents, students and faculty was a great asset, Nickerson indicates, but foremost was Walker's experience establishing a professional learning community.

"I am well aware of the strong history of success of Campolindo, of the pride the community takes in its high school and the high achievement that is expected. My goal is to build on that success," Walker says. "In education, every year brings new challenges, and we need to stay engaged in professional development and training."

Walker believes that no school is perfect and that his job is to work with staff, parents, students, and the district, to identify areas of growth and improvement. "I'm a strong believer in continuous professional development so everyone owns their craft," he says.

In San Ramon, Walker was part of the establishment of a professional learning community (PLC). Collaboration is at the core of the PLC model. Teachers work together to develop the curriculum, the best practices, and the assessments tools. According to Walker that does not mean the end of their freedom, it just means that when they have a problem, someone down the hall might have the answer. "We have to make it a priority and find the

time for teachers to meet," he says.

With that method comes an open door policy. "I plan to be very accessible and present on campus," says Walker. "I want to have frank conversations with everyone to know about what's going well and what needs improvement." The new principal adds that he will be very visible on campus, particularly in the classrooms a good portion of the day where the learning is taking place.

"I feel very proud and humbled to be working with such an engaged community and great quality staff," Walker says.

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